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1. SUMMARY: MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS TO LOEFF OR OTHER
APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL USG CONCERNS ABOUT THE
EC'S PENDING REQUESTS OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
FOR SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS. MISSION SHOULD STRESS

THAT WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE BILATERAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAT THE EC HAS TABLED AND SHOULD URGE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE REQUESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERESTED USG AGENCIES CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED REGARDING THE EC'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FOREGO REQUESTS FOR SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS FROM THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CONTINUED EC PURSUIT OF SIC'S AS A METHOD OF ACHIEVING RECIPROCITY IN THE MTN MAY PRECIPITATE AN UNNECESSARY EC-US CONFLICT IN THE MTN. IT APPEARS THAT THE COMMISSION MAY NOT HAVE FOCUSSED ON THIS ISSUE ABOVE KAWAN'S LEVEL. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO

AVOID A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS OUR RESERVATIONS TO LOEFF OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL.

3. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS MISSION GENERALLY DRAW ON ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL A IN APPROACH TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS.

4. DEPARTMENT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT MISSION REEMPHASIZE STRONG US RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE EC'S REQUESTS OF THE EE'S FOR BILATERAL SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (PARAS 3 AND 4, REFTEL A) MISSION SHOULD NOTE THAT WE CONSIDER BILATERAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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